body can import Natural Rubber after paying the applicable duties. However, the ban on import of rubber against advance licences still continues and at present there is no proposal to lift the ban.

Price stabilization corporation for commercial crops

3670. SHRI RAMAMUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government arc aware that tobacco and other commercial crops are subjected to fluctuations in the market price causing loss to the growers;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to set up price stabilization Corporation for certain commodities;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) The market prices of tobacco and commercial crops vary from time to time due to numerous factors such as production, quantities traded, demand and supply etc.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) In the free market era, setting up of any Corporation under the aegis of the Government for stabilizing the prices is neither feasible nor desirable.